



Friends of the Youngstown Free Library Quarterly Newsletter

SAVE THE DATES!

Upcoming Events

Art & Music Fest

October 6



Fall Book Sale

November 1-3



Christmas in the Village

December 8



Letter from the FOYL President

Greetings, Friends:

For me, the summer of 2018 was way too hot and rolled by way too fast. As we approach fall, our library and the Friends of the Youngstown Library continue to thrive.

Our summer was busy, beginning with the kick off to summer street dance where Julie Grana, John Soltys, and helpers gave away freeze pops and sold water.

At our second activity this summer, the Johnny Green Grass Billiard Tournament at Bandana's Bar & Grille, Tanya Fura, Lynn Funk, Melissa Kudel, and Mark and Rick Salvatore were the committee.

The Friends annual bake sale at the Friday Night concerts in Falkner Park was a huge success under the leadership of Mary Armstrong. Tanya, Lauren and Katherine Fura were super helpers. Thank you to all the "Friends" who baked, you were the ones that made this our biggest bake sale ever.

In August, I had the thrill of presenting the Ruby Cary Scholarship from the Friends to Natalie Smith. What a terrific young woman with a bright future. As I thought about what to say to Natalie, I was reminded of what a terrific woman Ruby Cary was and how proud Ruby would have been that Natalie received this scholarship in her honor.

Our fall book sale will be November 1, 2, and 3. We will be looking for help that entire week as we get ready for another successful sale. Please contact Mary Armstrong or Steve Frank and let them know if you can help with this project. As my mother used to say, "many hands make the load lighter."

I cannot express enough thanks to all our members who are indispensable in every effort to support the library. This fall, we will be looking for new board directors and officers to share their talents with the community. Please let us know if you are interested.

The Board of Trustees is conducting its annual fund drive, please read Rita Rolfe's letter enclosed with our newsletter and send your donation to the library. Thank you in advance.

Jan Howard
President of the Friends of the Youngstown Library

Summer Activities

Youngstown Summer Kickoff Street Dance

At this official start-of-summer event on Thursday, June 22, Friends manned a table and sold bottled water, raising \$48. Generous community members also donated \$66.57 to the collection jar. It was great to see people out and about on a beautiful evening, especially the kids who stopped by for freeze pops. We gave away every single one—150 in total!



Billiards for Books at Bandana's

Many thanks to Bandana's Bar and Grill for their continued support of Friends of Youngstown Library. This even is always a blast. Our board member Steve Frank and his son Michael Armstrong (below, left) took 3rd place; 2nd place was Kevin and Colin; 1st place champions were Derek and Brady Martin. Jean and Bill Siddall (below, right) also participated.

Seven intrepid teams in total payed in the heat. The Friends of the Youngstown Library raised \$401 between the tournament, 50/50, Find the Ace game, and donations. Thank you!



Even More Summer Activities!

Summer Bake Sale

The August 3 Youngstown Free Concert in the park series performance by the band Celtic Circle Celidh brought scores of folks out to listen to music and enjoy a summer evening at beautiful Falkner Park. We had an amazing, record-breaking night bringing in a total of \$425.50 selling baked goods, freeze pops, and water. A last-minute cake raffle brought in \$51! Things were hectic and busy all night. The donation jar garnered \$50 on the dot. We give baked goods and a bottled water to the performers as thanks for their help with announcements.



Youngstown Community Picnic

If you were at the picnic, you would have seen Mary and Steve at the booth displaying baked goods, books for all ages, freeze pops, and brochures of events for the library all for FREE! The Friends gave away a pile of freeze pops, baked goods, and water in an effort to beat the heat. Our donation jug brought in \$29, thanks to our generous community, and we had one family become members. Our table had a large poster board for library patrons to tell us what they love most about the library and what they might like to see at the library. Attendance was very low for this event because of the record heat, but we were able to get a few fresh ideas for future events.



Friends Fall Used Book Sale

Friends of Youngstown Free Library book sales are held biannually in the spring and fall. The book sales are the primary fundraising mechanism for us to help support the Library, and we appreciate the community's generosity and enthusiasm. The community is very generous with its donations of books and media, as well as with its purchases at our sale.

Fall Book Sale: Save the Dates

- **November 1** (Thursday) 5-8 p.m. *Members only night* (Get first pick of the best books and media: Join at the door for only \$5!)
- **November 2** (Friday) from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **November 3** (Saturday) from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a BAG SALE beginning at 1 p.m. (All the books and media you can stuff in a bag for just \$2/bag).

All proceeds benefit the Youngstown Free library.

Have books you want to donate prior to the sale? Drop them off at the library. Please note: Voluminous book donations for October 31 and November 1 are 9:30 a.m.-noon. Call 745-3555 for details.

We could not host these sales without the continued effort, donations, and purchases from our supporters and the community.

Our Library is an important fixture in the village and we are continuously holding events to support it. Come in and see some of the changes your support has enabled our librarian to make. A great way to support our friends is to make a memorial contribution in the name of a loved one or pet. Become a friend of the Library and enjoy benefits like an invitation to the book sale preview nights, where you'll get first pick of great items.

Become a friend of the Library today!

Natalie Smith Awarded Ruby Carey Scholarship

Natalie Smith was awarded the Ruby Carey Scholarship from the Youngstown Free Library Board of Trustees for 2018. The \$750 scholarship was matched by the Friends of the Youngstown Free Library, providing Smith with \$1,500 to help continue her education in the field of bio-science and specifically veterinary science at the University of New Hampshire.

Smith has been awarded several scholarships and awards and has also been involved with many local groups. She graduated fifth in her class at Lewiston-Porter, was elected to the Student Council as secretary, and was on the varsity soccer, tennis, and track teams. She interned with the Village Vet for more than 225 hours, and participated in community service through First Presbyterian Church of Youngstown Youth Group mission trips. Smith also volunteered at the Aquarium of Niagara in the fall of 2017.

The Ruby Carey Scholarship is funded by the Friends of the Youngstown Library and the Library Board of Trustees.



Awardee Natalie Smith, Youngstown Library Board of Trustees president Rita Rolfe, and Friends of Youngstown Library board president Jan Howard

Photo courtesy of Sonora Miller

Youngstown Free Library Board Fund Drive

Fund Drive Letter Enclosed

Please find enclosed in this newsletter the fund drive letter from Rita Rolfe, President of Youngstown Free Library Board of Trustees.

The Library provides so much more than books. Programming for children and adults—and participation in that programming—is at an all-time high. From Story Hour and Lego Club to adult book groups and computer training, we want the Library to be able to serve the community well, and for a long time to come. Donations to the library really are an investment in the future of community and our children. We know this is true, because many of us came to the library as kids and now bring our own grandchildren!

With your help, the Library can continue to provide resources we all cherish and make our community thrive and grow.

We hope all our friends will be as generous as they can.

The Board of the Youngstown Free Library would like to thank everyone who supports the Library, specifically during the Fund Drive, but also with their monetary gifts throughout the year. We couldn't do it without you!



Report from the Library Director

This fall, the Library is excited to be offering the following programs:

Beginning Meditation

Wednesdays, October 3, 10, 17 & 24 at 5 p.m.

Meditation is a method to acquire a clear and calm mind. This course will teach the steps for developing a home meditation practice: a steady, comfortable posture, proper breathing, relaxation techniques, and concentration methods used in the classical yoga tradition.

\$10/person reserves your space for all four weekly classes. Payment required at the time of registration.

Suggested reading: "Moving Inward: The Journey to Meditation," by Rolf Sovik. The Library is providing limited copies to those interested for \$9 each.

Discover & Explore Your Digital Library!

Saturdays, October 6 or November 3 or December 1 at 10:30 am

Welcome back to your local library, and how it's evolved to help YOU! Learn how to use your digital library to download and/or stream and download e-books, audiobooks, graphic novels, music, magazines, TV and movies. Bring your tablet, smartphone, or laptop and prepare to spend an hour or so getting your accounts set up and your questions answered. No registration needed.

**YOUNGSTOWN FREE LIBRARY'S
2018 HOURS**

- Mondays: 1:30 pm - 8:30 pm
- ▶ Tuesdays: 9:30 am - 8:30 pm
- Wednesdays: 1:30 pm - 8:30 pm
- ▶ Thursdays: 1:30 pm - 8:30 pm
- Fridays: 10 am - 2 pm
- Saturdays: 10 am - 2 pm

Our hours are changing!
Your public library is now open 40 hours a week!

Basic Computer Help at the Senior Center

Tuesdays, October 23, November 27 at 1 pm

Looking for a relaxed, no stress and no pressure environment to learn about computers? Come join us! We provide the laptop computers, and you get practice using the Internet, writing a letter and more!

***Please note that this class takes place at the Lewiston Senior Services Center, 4361 River Rd in Youngstown.

We look forward to seeing you at the Library!
--Sonora Miller



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Monday, Wednesday & Thursday

1:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Friday & Saturday

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Library will be closed on Saturdays
starting June 23 through September 7.

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7 p.m., fourth Monday of every month, the public
is welcome to attend

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